

“Heroes Of The Faith” – SAMSON

INTRODUCTION: Rahab? Gideon? Barak? Samson? **Heb. 11:32**

- We aren't much different from Samson ... in many ways.

Judges 13:1 – Sin, Servitude, Supplication, Salvation, Silence ...

- To break the cycle ... 1 John 1:9

13:2 – Out of “*barrenness*”, God can bring “*blessing*” ... **REPENT**.

13:3-4 – “*Commitment*” then “*blessing*” ... Samson is born.

13:5 – Samson was to be “*committed*” to the Nazarite Vow for life.

- Likewise, we're to be “*committed*” to God – Mt. 6:33, 1 Cor. 10:31

13:24-25 – Physically he was strong, but spiritually he was weak.

14:1-3 – Samson wants a Philistine wife ... forbidden by God.

- Though saved, we're still attracted to the world ... we fraternize too much with the Enemy ... “*insulation*”, not “*isolation*”.

How do you know when your life becomes “*worldly*”?

1 You begin to “*value*” what they “*value*”.

2 They have more influence over you, than you do over them.

2 There's no difference between your/their behavior.

14:5-6, 7-9 – Feats of Samson's strength ... he broke his Nazarite Vow

... **14:19** ... **15:14-15**.

- God, is a God of grace, love, mercy, forgiveness ... He's patient.

- Samson had a problem with PRIDE ... foxes ... City Gates ...

he liked to antagonize the Philistines ... to “*show off*”.

16:4-5 – Delilah is hired to find out Samson's source of strength.

- There was no evidence of “*muscles*”, or a “*man of God*”.

16:15-17 – Delilah “*nagged*” the secret out of Samson!

- Samson's hair was a visual reminder of his commitment to God.

16:20 – 1 of the saddest verses in the Bible!

- Samson cut his ties with God, and God's power.

16:21 – God's not through with Samson ... **16:22** ... Satan can

“*cut your hair*”, but he can't take away the “*roots*”!

16:28 – Samson repents and prays to God for strength – **16:29-30**

CONCLUSION: LESSONS from Samson ...

- Don't let the world corrupt you ... Don't waste your strength ...

God is the God of the “*2nd chance*”.

- Samson came back to God ... God never “*gave up*” on him.